

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of August 15, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the integrated circuits have a nozzle guard partially covering the nozzles and to specify that the print media guide is arranged to contact and guide the first surface of the print media across the print surface without making direct contact with the integrated circuits. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 23-27 and page 31, lines 34-35 of the present specification; and dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook '908 in view of Silverbrook '834, for at least the following reasons.

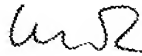
As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the integrated circuits have a nozzle guard partially covering the nozzles and to specify that the print media guide is arranged to contact and guide the first surface of the print media across the print surface without making direct contact with the integrated circuits (see page 12, lines 23-27 and page 31, lines 34-35 of the present specification).

On the other hand, if one of ordinary skill in the art were to combine Silverbrook '908 and Silverbrook '834 as contended by the Examiner, the platen of Fig. 7 of Silverbrook '834 would be separately arranged from the nozzle shield of Silverbrook '908 so as to contact a surface of the print media opposite to the print media surface which is printed on. This is because, amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, requires both a nozzle guard and print media guide.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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